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1. In an effort to support the opposition to the Ruhr Statute, to the Occupation Statute, and to the establishment of a Western German State, the new policy of the SMA will include an encouraging of all western German groups, individuals, organizations, etc., who have expressed anti-Western sentiments. For this purpose there will be meetings and conventions in the Soviet Zone and Berlin, in which so-called anti-Communist parties will express sympathy with this opposition. Georg Dertinger (CDU) and Dr. Hermann Kastner (LDP) and, in particular, functionaries of the National Democratic Party are to be used for this purpose.
2. At the party convention of the NDP in Ludwigslust in Mecklenburg, 3 to 4 February 1949, a new section for "Germany-Politics" was set up. The Soviet Political Adviser, Ambassador Semenov, was present at this meeting and later in a conversation with Dr. Lothar Bolz, Vilmos Korn, and Albrecht Albert he explained to them the importance of a united Germany policy. He stated that the NDP is not compromised in any way in the eyes of the German public and is therefore in a position to initiate a real national resistance movement. The older parties of the Eastern Zone probably cannot be expected to take the lead in a national opposition to the measures of the Western Allies, which will inevitably destroy forever the concept of "Germany". This must be left to the NDP, as a young party dedicated to the true "national objectives" of the German people.
3. The NDP was set up to appeal to former Nazis and nationalists in general. It is expected that this new phase will attract considerable support and that the party will be in a position to appeal to the opposition elements in the western zones. The Russians are not seriously worried about a revival of the Nazi Party, as the sort of national resistance which is planned can develop only through the close support of the Soviet Union. The important thing, at the moment, is to induce the dissatisfied nationalistic elements in Western Germany to support Russia's clear-cut pro-nationalist German policy.

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